[Mr. K. George.]

statement includes the appointments made by the Chief Justice in the High Court office in exercise of his powers under Rule 489 I, *Civil Courts' Guide.*

(*b*) 1 Brahmin and 2 Nairs.

(2) The recruitment of Munsiffs from the service was in accordance with seniority in service. There can be no question of seniority in regard to the initial recruitment of clerks.

Statement, by Castes, of Appointments in the Registration Department.

217. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nairs, Catholic Christians, other Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans among the officers, permanent and acting, appointed in the Registration Department by the late Director of Registration since his appointment as such till the 30th Kanni 1102, and also their pay and the number of persons who are natives of the Tiruvalla taluk?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by castes, of the present Registrars of the Registration Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) A statement* containing the information required is laid on the table.

(2) The member is referred to the latest *Civil List* corrected up to 1-7-1102.

Damage to Men, Cattle and Crops by wild Animals.

218. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (1) Are the Government aware of the amount of damage caused every year to men, cattle and crops by wild animals such as tigers and wild elephants?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of persons killed, the heads of cattle destroyed and the extent of cultivated land damaged by such wild beasts during the last year (1101) in the *pakuthies* of Kotamangalam and Kuttamangalam in the Muvattupuzha taluk and Karimannur and Karikod in the Todupuzha taluk?

(3) If the Government have not now made any arrangement for collecting such statistics, will they be pleased to order the collection of such statistics in all taluks having reserved forests?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) Statistics are not available.

(3) The matter will be considered.

Licenses for Firearms.

219. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of applications for licenses for firearms

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